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SENATE BILL 626

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to the registry of election finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-209, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the registry may, in lieu of filing the petition through the attorney general and reporter, retain private outside counsel to pursue the collection of unpaid civil penalties assessed by order of the registry. The venue for such suits is the county that is the residence of the defendant or Sumner County, Knox County, or Madison County.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.